

## HERE'S MY KILLER

Correspondent Gets Up Glum  
and Spills Cold Facts.War Not Won by Long Ways—  
Up to U. S. to Hit Hard.

PROBABLY LAST THREE YEARS

Russia Clear Out; France's Man  
Power Low.First Half Million Americans  
Only Drop in Bucket.BY WEBB MILLER.  
Washington, May 25.—Russia is out  
of the war as far as military power  
is concerned for at least two years.  
France is about at the end of her  
man-power.These are the cold facts about the  
war situation as seen today by mili-  
tary men who are in position to know  
conditions by reason of intimate  
knowledge of American observers' re-  
port. While Great Britain still has  
considerable "punch" left, these mili-  
tary men believe that the struggle  
abroad is rapidly reaching the point  
where the United States must bear  
the main burden.The war, they say, will be long.  
America's half million men, to be  
drawn in September, will be only a  
"drop in the bucket" and must be  
followed by other vast increments, if  
conditions continue as at present.The west front struggle, the experts  
say, has been misinterpreted, and  
reliably reported either thru the al-  
lies' unwillingness to let real facts  
be known, or to ignorance of the ex-  
act state of facts on the part of  
American newspapers.Allies' Successes Dubious  
These men declare that for many  
months the American people have  
been led astray to the real situation.  
The allies, they declare, are not mak-  
ing the headway that the country has  
been led to believe they are.In this connection, they say that  
solution of the submarine menace  
must eventually determine to a great  
extent where victory shall rest, except  
for what part America shall play in  
the struggle. The last fresh man  
wins a battle and the victor's mili-  
tary hold. Hence America must bear  
a heavy burden in the next two or pos-  
sibly three years and the sooner the  
nation awakes to the truth and recog-  
nizes the situation, the better off it  
will be, these experts believe.Much Talk of U. S. Appearances  
There has been much talk of the  
nation's apathy.That this will be overcome when  
hand begins to spill the main hope  
of military men, who say frankly that  
to the present the country's interest  
is insufficient, as shown graphically  
by recruiting figures and the small  
contribution to liberty bonds and other  
signs.The selective service system will get  
men, but the spirit must be arouse-  
d, the experts hold.

## U. S. AT THE FRONT

(Continued from Page One.)  
breakfast, and the French army cooks  
have their mornings off in conse-  
quence. But not so at the American  
munitions transport training camp.  
The usual American appetites for  
breakfast are met with evidence.  
Therefore the French army regula-  
tions had to be altered to fit. There  
is a regular meal every morning now.  
The French officers also discovered  
that the usual emergency ration  
would have to be changed in the case  
of the Americans. The French soldier  
carries one solitary loaf of bread for  
his reserve food supply when starting  
out on active service. It did not look  
like enough to the Americans. The  
supply was therefore increased to in-  
clude, in addition, two hard boiled  
eggs.

Days Without Rest.

Driving five-ton auto trucks is  
the hardest sort of labor and the  
members of these first American ar-  
med forces are all picked men. The  
hours are irregular and during battles  
turns on duty may continue for days  
at a time. The great trucks must  
lumber along in range of enemy  
shells.Physical labor, the hardships of  
service, the dangers of the firing line  
—none of these deter the American.  
All they demand is to see actual service  
in the quickest possible time.The hills of Palestine are rich in iron  
and the mines are still worked there, tho'  
in a very simple, crude manner.

## TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS

NOVELTY—The Raymond Wells  
Stock company opening this sea-  
son's run with "At Ebb Tide".  
GARFIELD—Boating, figure-eight,  
merry-go-round, and bowling.  
ORPHEUM—Bessie Barricade in  
"The Sparrow". A comedy play.  
IRIS—Earle Williams in "The Soul  
Master".  
NEW GEM—Luth Clifford in  
"Eternal Love".  
BEST—William Farnum in "The  
Redemption of David Gerson".  
CRYSTAL—"The Man With a  
Package".  
For details, prices, etc., see adver-  
tisements on this page of the State  
Journal.

## IRISH IN NEW PROTEST

Sinn Feiners Want Questions Answered  
Before Liberty Convention.Dublin, May 25.—The Sinn Fein  
conference today participate in any  
conference called by English govern-  
ment ostensibly to settle the Irish  
question until the following condi-  
tions are fulfilled:  
First—That the terms referring to the  
question to the conference leave it free  
to decide the complete independence  
of Ireland.Second—That the English govern-  
ment publicly pledge itself to the United  
States and the powers of Europe to  
support the independence of a majority  
of the conference.Third—That the convention con-  
sist of none but persons freely elected  
by the Irish people.Fourth—That a prisoner-of-war  
treatment is accorded the Irish revo-  
lutionaries arrested during the recent revo-  
lution.

## RUSSIA GETS IN LINE

Officially Notifies France Slav Army  
Will Be Effective.Petrograd, May 25.—Speedy re-  
construction of Russia's fighting forces  
is promised by Minister of Foreign Af-  
fairs Terechotenko, in a telegram to  
Premier Litvinov of France today."Russian democracy believes this  
war was necessary and inevitable, for  
the defense of the liberty of nations,"  
the telegram states. "The Russian  
opinion of the government and the  
entire nation which is now conscious  
of their duty and will proceed with all  
speed to reconstruct the fighting  
forces of Russia to accomplish the  
task shared in common with our  
allied brothers of the allied armies."

## POLICE SOUTH ATLANTIC

Brazil Decides to Overstep Neutrality  
by Using Navy.Rio Janeiro, May 25.—According to  
the Journal do Comercio, it was de-  
cided at a meeting of the parliament  
that diplomatic commissions, called  
yesterday by the foreign minister,  
to adopt the principle of revolu-  
tionary neutrality in the war between  
the United States and Germany and  
Germany and to police the South At-  
lantic with the Brazilian fleet.

## RUSH NAVAL OFFICERS

President Orders Hasty Graduation  
of Annapolis Students.Washington, May 25.—President  
Wilson today ordered the graduation  
June 30 of the third class at the na-  
val academy, 203 men. The order  
was taken on recommendation of the  
various naval boards to fill the short-  
age of an inch of precipitation. With-  
out the man have had three years  
training.

## A DAY OF SHOWERS

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weather. In the east it was raining  
and in the west just light flurries of  
clouds were reported. By 7 o'clock  
this morning Concordia had recorded  
44 of an inch of precipitation; Wichita,  
40; a trace at Dodge City and  
Kansas City, and none at St. Joseph.  
The mercury fell to 35 Thursday  
night and was rising very slowly  
reaching 43 at 2 o'clock. It  
probably will not go above 45 all day.  
Tonight the thermometer will register  
around 55 degrees and will not pass  
the 65 mark tomorrow.The wind was blowing twelve miles  
an hour from the southeast.

## WEATHER TABLE

Station	High	Low	Pre.	Wind
Boston	44	36	10	Clear
Buffalo, N. Y.	44	36	10	Clear
Calgary, Alb.	48	38	12	Cloudy
Chicago, Ill.	48	40	8	Clear
Cincinnati, O.	48	40	8	Clear
Cornwall, Conn.	48	40	8	Clear
Denver, Colo.	48	40	8	Clear
Des Moines, Ia.	48	40	8	Clear
Duluth, Minn.	48	40	8	Clear
El Paso, Tex.	48	40	8	Clear
Galveston, Tex.	48	40	8	Clear
Hartford, Conn.	48	40	8	Clear
Havre, Mont.	48	40	8	Clear
Jackman, Me.	48	40	8	Clear
Little Rock, Ark.	48	40	8	Clear
Los Angeles, Cal.	48	40	8	Clear
New York, N. Y.	48	40	8	Clear
Omaha, Neb.	48	40	8	Clear
Philadelphia, Pa.	48	40	8	Clear
Portland, Ore.	48	40	8	Clear
St. Louis, Mo.	48	40	8	Clear
St. Paul, Minn.	48	40	8	Clear
Salt Lake City, Utah	48	40	8	Clear
San Francisco, Cal.	48	40	8	Clear
Seattle, Wash.	48	40	8	Clear
Spokane, Wash.	48	40	8	Clear
Swift Current, Sas.	48	40	8	Clear
Tampa, Fla.	48	40	8	Clear
Toledo, Ohio	48	40	8	Clear
Washington, D. C.	48	40	8	Clear
Winnipeg, Man.	48	40	8	Clear

## Kansas Weather Report.

Station	High	Low	Pre.	Wind
Atchison	70	52	0.4	Cloudy
Coldwater	70	52	0.4	Cloudy
Concordia	74	60	0.4	Fair
Coolidge	74	60	0.4	Fair
Dodge City	72	58	0.4	Fair
Emporia	74	60	0.4	Fair
Geary	74	60	0.4	Fair
Hiogo	74	60	0.4	Fair
Horton	74	60	0.4	Fair
Independence	74	60	0.4	Fair
Liberal	74	60	0.4	Fair
McPherson	74	60	0.4	Fair
Manhattan	74	60	0.4	Fair
Phillipsburg	74	60	0.4	Fair
Scott City	74	60	0.4	Fair
St. Joseph	74	60	0.4	Fair
Union	74	60	0.4	Fair
Wichita	74	60	0.4	Fair
Winchester	74	60	0.4	Fair
Stage of river at Topeka	5.6			

## M'ADOO APPEALS

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The bankers to seat themselves. Mc-  
Adoo spoke with a strong southern  
accent.

Work for Banker.

"I do not take this ovation as a  
tribute to me," said McAdoo. "I take  
it as an example, and an excellent one,  
of American patriotism."  
"I am especially glad to talk to the  
bankers, as they are the men who  
must furnish the first sinews of war."  
McAdoo reviewed the first sinews of  
the money so necessary.This great piece of work rests pri-  
marily on the bankers. You must see  
that these bonds are subscribed. You  
must inform the people—they are do-  
ing their best, but it is up to you to  
explain the bonds to them.At this point, pouring rain which  
had nearly drowned McAdoo's voice,  
ceased.

War Destroys Partisanship.

"One of the splendid things about  
this war, and there are splendid things  
about it, is that it has destroyed detestable  
partisanship.""What are we fighting for?" he  
asked. "We could no more escape this  
war than we can escape the setting  
of the sun. No longer survive in a  
world half autocratic, half democ-  
ratic. The same undecidable crisis  
faces us that faced the great Lincoln  
in the early 1860s."

War We Did Not Want.

"Here we are a liberty loving  
people forced into a war we did not  
want, and I know, from personal  
knowledge, the president prayed  
would not come.""We want the Germans to become  
a self-governed people, the same as  
we are. The Russians have become and  
the Chinese are now.""Not until the whole world be-  
comes self-governed will we be insur-  
ed against autocracy. We are not  
pacifists, as a mass are at heart."Applause punctuated all America's  
war, pointing that all had been  
fought for the freedom of man and  
not a one had been waged for con-  
quest.And here we are fighting again  
a war for freedom," said McAdoo.  
"This time we are fighting for free-  
dom not for an island, but for free-  
dom for the people of the whole  
world."

First Duty of Finance.

Mr. McAdoo launched into the lib-  
erty loan, the direct object of his visit  
to Topeka."Financing the war is our first duty  
to our country," said McAdoo. "Every  
man, woman and child should be  
glad to purchase these bonds."And what about the return? The  
best bonds on God's earth with the  
honesty and integrity of the people  
of America as security.The secretary spoke of draft day,  
June 5, which he described as the  
"greatest event in our history, a na-  
tion of free men registering their very  
lives, possibly, for the liberty of the  
world.""Thank God," said McAdoo. "I have  
three sons who have already volun-  
teered their services, and I know the  
heart pang of you fathers."There is just one protection you  
can not have—the best arm money  
can buy and ingenuity can contrive.  
Are you refusing to loan the govern-  
ment this money? Are you failing to  
equip them so their blows against the  
enemy will be telling?"

Avoiding War Tax.

In speaking of taxation, McAdoo  
said he felt grieved to witness the lob-  
bying in Washington of special inter-  
ests to escape their just share of the  
war tax."Of course," he said, "taxation is a  
burden. But do you know we are  
just taxing you 18 per cent of the total  
amount needed for the first year?""If we raise all money by bonds  
we would have an unnatural inflation  
in this country.""And taxation does one great good,  
it will teach us something, so much  
needed. We are not going to suffer  
from lack of money. Foreign nations  
will spend billions of dollars in Amer-  
ica this year. We can't help but be  
prosperous."Saving of food supplies, more than  
money, is the essential quality of  
Americans during the war, he declared.  
"If we have food and our allies  
is the great problem of today, not  
financing our allies and ourselves, he  
stated."McAdoo must not only subscribe but  
oversubscribe this bond issue," declared  
McAdoo. "We want to show the  
world we are going to office every-  
thing we have for freedom."That closed his address. The audi-  
ence again arose to its feet and fully  
five minutes applause followed.

Mr. Harding Speaks.

President Wulfkuhler introduced  
W. P. G. Harding, governor of the  
federal reserve board, who is Mc-  
Adoo's traveling companion. Hard-  
ing stated it was the fundamental  
principle of banking to take care of  
customers."Remember," he said, "in selling  
liberty loan bonds you are caring for  
your customers. You are selling the  
best bonds in the world. Selling bonds  
is good business. In three years these  
bonds will be demanding a substan-  
tial premium."In want to make a slogan for Kan-  
sas bankers," shouted P. W. Goebel.  
"Stand up."Every man on the first floor stood  
on his feet."Fifty million in bonds in six days,"  
thanked them for their patriotism.  
Then McAdoo and his party left for  
the depot. They went to Kansas City.

## THE TOPEKA DAILY STATE JOURNAL—FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 25, 1917

where a series of addresses is being  
delivered this afternoon.The McAdoo special left over the  
Rock Island for Kansas City at 10:15.  
Commissioner Wilson's Bit.Walter E. Wilson, state bank com-  
missioner, did "bit" today in his  
enthusiasm for subscribing to lib-  
erty loan among Kansas bankers."Every Kansas executive necessary  
banker is going to do his part and  
measure up to the full estimate of  
American citizenship," said the bank  
commissioner. "The first thing in the  
history of our country a bond issue  
has been inaugurated that has wiped  
out all class distinction and leveled all  
by applying to the individual  
citizen by saying to him:"If you cannot enlist you can do a  
small part by assisting the government  
in financing this great war."  
"With Old Glory, each star signifi-  
cantly a glorious commonwealth and each  
stripe significant of the blood of Ger-  
mans and the purity of patriotism,  
waving from your house, and at  
least one \$50 liberty bond in your  
home, every American citizen can then  
feel that in a small measure, at least,  
he has done something to help his coun-  
try."

Guild of Topeka Elected.

George A. Guild of Topeka was  
elected a member of the executive  
committee of the American Bankers  
association, which met here today.The association, which has 100 mem-  
bers of the association. N. A.  
Lytie of Coldwater was chosen vice  
president for the year. George T.  
Guernsey of Independence a member  
of the nominating committee. E. W.  
Meyer of Hutchinson was elected vice  
president of the American section  
of the American association.Bankers and their wives enjoyed a  
buffet luncheon at the Elks' club to-  
day evening, followed by "Bankers'  
Special" entertainment by the Redpath  
company at the auditorium in the eve-  
ning. The entertainment was given  
from 11 until 12 o'clock at the Elks' club.

Nance Makes Talk.

After McAdoo and his party de-  
parted, President Wulfkuhler introduced  
F. Nance, formerly of Germany, a  
man direct from the trenches in  
Europe. Dr. Nance unfolded the  
same tale of the fierce fighting  
in Europe, and of German de-  
predations that was told to Ro-  
tarians at their luncheon Thursday.Next the bankers were given in-  
structions by Dr. Charles E. Barker of  
the cemetery. These instructions were  
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Washington, D. C. President Taft's  
physician during his presidency, Dr.  
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Keep Out of Cemetery.

The Washington physician not only  
explained the cemetery regulations, but  
also what to do in case of an emer-  
gency. He demonstrated the exer-  
cises. Also he gave numerous in-  
structions as to the amount of water  
man should drink, the amount of  
food he should consume, and the  
amount of bathing he should endure.Dr. Barker concluded his lemon-  
ade at 10 o'clock and then returned to  
his home. Dr. Nance, who had been  
Governor Capper was called upon for  
a short address. Governor Capper  
lauded the suggestions of Dr. Barker,  
declaring that he had followed those  
instructions for the last two years  
and believed it had improved his  
health.

Capper on Prohibition.

Governor Capper explained his  
views on prohibition during the war,  
first advocated by Henry J. Waters.  
Capper, his views on stock gambling  
voiced months ago by leading men  
in other states and his views on food  
conservation, pronounced by Gov.  
Samuel T. Howe, chairman of Kan-  
sas State Tax Commission. Follow-  
ing the morning meeting, the bankers  
went to Alexander hall for the after-  
noon session. Another technical sub-  
ject, "The Use of Trade Appliances,"  
was discussed by L. Brokaw, cash-  
ier, Commercial National Bank, Kan-  
sas City, Kan., and the entertainment  
program ended with an address on the  
subject, "Federal Reserve Bank and  
error," given by J. Z. Miller, gov-  
ernor of the Federal Reserve Bank,  
City, Mo. J. S. Gilmore, of Omaha,  
scheduled for an address this after-  
noon, has been unable to attend, con-  
fined in a hospital, the result of a  
broken leg.

## SPEAKS AT KANSAS CITY TONIGHT

Mass Meeting at Convention Hall is  
on Secretary's Program.Kansas City, May 25.—William G.  
McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, and  
W. P. G. Harding, governor of federal  
reserve board, came to Kansas City  
today, after having been in Topeka  
last night, to address the bankers and  
other three are Nevada, Oregon and  
Utah. Total recruiting for yesterday  
showed 1,517 men obtained. New  
York lead for the day with 149 men.  
The total enlistment since April 1 was  
14,437.

Indiana Does Her Bit

Washington, May 24.—Indiana to-  
day joined the states which have filled  
their quotas in recruiting for the regu-  
lar army. With a quota of 5,400 In-  
dian men, making the state the fourth  
to complete her part of the work and  
the first large quota to be filled. The  
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Today's Market Reports

Chicago, May 25.—WHEAT—Altho wheat  
prices showed a temporary disposition to  
fall, the market was held from the de-  
cline from false rumors of a naval vic-  
tory. The market soon began to sag. Restrictions  
on new buying proved too much for the  
cap for any strength due to a merely nega-  
tive development. The excellent crop out-  
look was more than offset. Speculative prices  
which ranged from 12c below to 1c above  
with July at 12c and Sept. at 11c, were  
followed by a slight further harden-  
ing of values, and then a setback all around  
to well below yesterday's figures.Selling by houses with seaboard connec-  
tions led substantially to market further  
losses. Estimates were current that the  
combined domestic winter and spring crop  
would be 1,000,000,000 bushels a total in excess of the 1916 figures.  
The close was unsettled, 4 1/2c to 3 1/2c net  
lower with July at \$2.17 1/2 and Sept. at  
\$1.88.Bullish construction placed on  
the Kansas state crop report gave only  
transient strength to corn. Demand seemed  
to be confined to the stock market, and  
to 1/4c to 1/2c up, the market scored mod-  
erate general gains and then made a sharp  
decline.

Continued increase of rural offerings

was largely responsible for breaks which  
were mounted to 1/2c. The market  
closed nervous at 1/2c to 1 1/4c net de-  
cline.Chicago Grain and Pork Market.  
(The range of prices for grain futures on  
the Chicago Board of Trade as reported  
by the Topeka Board of Trade.)

Chicago, May 25.—Close.

WHEAT—Open High Low Today Yesterday  
July 22 1/2 22 1/2 21 1/2 22 1/2  
Sept 19 1/2 19 1/2 18 1/2 19 1/2  
Corn—Open High Low Today Yesterday  
July 15 1/2 15 1/2 14 1/2 15 1/2  
Sept 12 1/2 12 1/2 11 1/2 12 1/2  
Oats—Open High Low Today Yesterday  
July 12 1/2 12 1/2 11 1/2 12 1/2  
Sept 9 1/2 9 1/2 8 1/2 9 1/2  
Lard—Open High Low Today Yesterday  
July 22 1/2 22 1/2 21 1/2 22 1/2  
Sept 22 1/2 22 1/2 21 1/2 22 1/2  
July 22 1/2 22 1/2 21 1/2 22 1/2  
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Sept 22 1/2 22 1/2 21 1/2 22 1/2Kansas City Produce Market.  
Kansas City, May 25.—WHEAT—Cash  
No. 1, \$2.17 1/2; No. 2, \$2.15; No. 3, \$2.12 1/2;  
No. 4, \$2.10; No. 5, \$2.07 1/2; No. 6, \$2.05;  
No. 7, \$2.02 1/2; No. 8, \$2.00; No. 9, \$1.97 1/2;  
No. 10, \$1.95; No. 11, \$1.92 1/2; No. 12, \$1.90;  
No. 13, \$1.87 1/2; No. 14, \$1.85; No. 15, \$1.82 1/2;  
No. 16, \$1.80; No. 17, \$1.77 1/2; No. 18, \$1.75;  
No. 19, \$1.72 1/2; No. 20, \$1.70; No. 21, \$1.67 1/2;  
No. 22, \$1.65; No. 23, \$1.62 1/2; No. 24, \$1.60;  
No. 25, \$1.57 1/2; No. 26, \$1.55; No. 27, \$1.52 1/2;  
No. 28, \$1.50; No. 29, \$1.47 1/2; No. 30, \$1.45;  
No. 31, \$1.42 1/2; No. 32, \$1.40; No. 33, \$1.37 1/2;  
No. 34, \$1.35; No. 35, \$1.32 1/2; No. 36, \$1.30;  
No. 37, \$1.27 1/2; No. 38, \$1.25; No. 39, \$1.22 1/2;  
No. 40, \$1.20; No. 41, \$1.17 1/2; No. 42, \$1.15;  
No. 43, \$1.12 1/